(iv) Pursuing with local authorities for expeditious clearance of cell sites.

(c) According to the Telecom Service Providers, shortage of spectrum is a key factor for degradation in performance and quality of service.

(d) Department of Telecommunications has instructed service providers to set up redressal mechanism at call centre level and the appellate authority level. Consumer can also approach Public Grievances (PG) cell of Department of Telecommunications. In addition, there are options of Consumer Courts and Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) (for a group of consumers).

Global positioning system projects

1821. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is likely to quit European Union led global positioning system projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken a decision on the alternative to the system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government is cooperating with Russia in their Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS). Government has also approved the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) project.

Low take-up service in rural areas

1822. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the growth of mobile telephones, the